



# Boulder County Chapter

# Newsletter

November 2006

## Ray Stewart Wins 2006 Multicultural Award for Arts



At the Radisson Hotel in Longmont after winning the Arts Award: Ray Stewart, his wife Isolde Hathaway, and Boulder County BIG President, Wilford Bugs. See page 2 for more pictures of the event.

On October 5, 2006, the Boulder County Community Action Programs (CAP) held the Eighteenth Annual Multicultural Awards Banquet in Longmont, Colorado. Members of Boulder County Image attended to support Ray Stewart who was the winner of the CAP Arts Award. His award write up in the program brochure stated: "Ray Stewart is an improvisational flautist and percussionist. He has played with many bands over the past twenty years, and is currently enjoying musical collaboration with Ancestral Voices. They often play for benefits and community events, including the Martin Lu-

ther King Celebration and Mothers Acting Up Mother's Day Parade. Ray has a deep interest in how the arts contribute to, and in fact, help to create community life. He believes that ordinary people create culture by offering and adding their own heartfelt creations to public life. He has lent his time to creating art and writing contests for the MLK celebrations and participating in developing the Solstice Celebrations at the Boulder Public Library. He has also been part of a collaboration that has twice brought together schools from Denver and Boulder, with schools in Ethiopia for an art exchange project. Ray has taken on many community service roles as well, becoming a mentor the Youth Opportunity Advisory Board (YOAB), as well as involvement in Boulder Community United (anti-hate group), appointment to the City of Boulder Human Relations Commission, and Blacks In Government. He is also pursuing a study of acutonics, a sound/vibrational healing method, bringing together his interests in music, healing, service, and spirituality. Blending art into the service of building community is Ray Stewart's greatest art form."

In addition to his artistic pursuits, Ray is the 2nd Vice President of Boulder County Blacks In Government and is very active in the community and at the NOAA Research Laboratories where he is a union steward. His work in the community has been recognized by city officials by being appointed to the Boulder Human Relations Commission.



Ray Stewart after accepting the Cross Over the Bridge plaque for the Arts Award.



Left to Right: Kyle Weaner, son-in-law; Eva Hathaway, daughter; Isolde Hathaway; and Ray Stewart.



Ray Stewart, Video Producer and Director, Ray LeJeune, and Community Action Programs Director, Janet Heimer.



## Local and National Events

- **Richard Shields, Boulder County Chapter member, was elected National 3rd Vice President of BIG at the National Conference in New York in August 2006.**
- Attending the BIG National Conference from the Boulder County Chapter were: Georgia Madrid, Richard Shields, Maurice Broadnax, and Wilford Buggs.
- Tony Tafoya was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for Commitment and Service to the Boulder County BIG Chapter on August 22, 2006, at the U.S. DOC Agency Forum held at the 28th BIG National Training Conference in New York.
- Wilford Buggs, Chester Madedj, Byron Louis, Ray Stewart attended the BLEA Multicultural Event held at the DOC Boulder Laboratories, on September 12, 2006.
- Wilford Buggs, Boulder County Chapter President, attended the annual family outing and membership drive sponsored by Region VIII. The well attended picnic was held in Colorado Springs, CO on September 30, 2006.

### BOULDER COUNTY EVENTS

#### THE 2006 CAP AWARD WINNERS

**Ray Stewart—Arts**

Mark Plaatjes—Business

Margie Aguirre-Moreno—Community Service

Ernie Madrid—Community Service

Sophie Low—Education

Craig Mansanares—Government

Euvaldo Valdez—Health

Cristopher Altier—Partners

Cynthia Molina—Youth

### CROSS THE BRIDGE



### JOIN TOGETHER

Boulder County Community Action Programs

Eighteenth Annual Multicultural Awards Banquet

October 5, 2006

## Goals and Objectives

- Serve as an advocate for equal employment opportunities and conditions that affect its members (hires, promotions and retentions).
- Promote the professional development of BIG members at all levels of employment in the Boulder area.
- Maintain a liaison with government agencies which have established BIG chapters and assist those interested in starting new chapters.
- Provide for the completion, synthesis and dissemination of information on issues of concerns to BIG members, such as job vacancies and training opportunities.
- Serve as a forum for addressing issues that have an impact upon its members so that they may better know and express their views on matters which affect them.
- Enhance the promotion of ethnic pride with socio-economic, civic and cultural programs, and fellowship, to unite Blacks and other government employees
- Work toward the elimination of racism in government agencies.

## Officers and Members

- President: Wilford Bugs, Retired from NOAA/MASC
- 1st Vice President: Richard Shields, USGS
- 2nd Vice President: Ray Stewart, NOAA/MASC
- Secretary: Derik Love, NIST Post Doc.
- Treasurer: Byron Louis, NOAA/ NWS
- Parliamentarian: Katy Stewart, NOAA Research



Front Row: Becky Rios, Byron Louis (Treasurer), Georgia Madrid, Henry Guilford, Wilford Bugs (President)  
Back Row: Tony Tafoya, Chet Madej, Katy Stewart (Parliamentarian), Ray Stewart (2nd Vice President) Carol Werner, Derik Love (Secretary), Richard Shields (1st Vice President and National 3rd Vice President)

Boulder County Blacks In Government  
Chapter Highlights on the 28th NTC,  
21-25 August 2006 in New York City, New York

- As Third Vice President, Richard Shields, hosted for the third year, a Special Enhancement Program (SEP) called, "Youth Empowerment Day."

This day was created at the National Training Conference to give students within the city and surrounding area an opportunity to attend our NTC for one day, and be able to compete with peers and meet and interact with Black professionals from throughout the country.

There were 165 students who attended from the New York City area and 80 students from the Service Academies: Air Force, Navy, Army, Marines and Coast Guard. Service Academy (ROTC) students were teamed up with Congressional Representatives from their districts.

The 165 students from the New York City area were placed in workshops such as: Driving Safety, presented by GEICO Insurance Company, the FBI, the FDIC and others.

- Richard Shields, National Third Vice President, was assigned to produce a program with panelists to discuss the Katrina issue. This Special Enhancement Program was called "Katrina—Continuing Crisis—A BIG Solution." The panel consisted of fourteen invited panelists, including: Dr. Margaret Simms, Interim President of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies; individuals from the Coast Guard; the president of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators and others.
- The National 2nd Vice President and the 3rd Vice President of BIG co-hosted the State and Local SEP for State and Local employees attending the NTC. Discussions were held on various issues with the panel of experts and/or elected officials.
- The BIG National Training Conference was a success and provided over 200 workshops. There were 21 Agency Forums that were held on Monday and Tuesday. On Wednesday there was an Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) luncheon which provided valuable information on various EEO issues.

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# Journey Together... Unify our Nations

## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Diversity Training Seminar

**Keynote Speaker: Ms. Wilma Mankiller  
Former Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation**

**Tuesday, January 23, 2007  
11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Registration 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

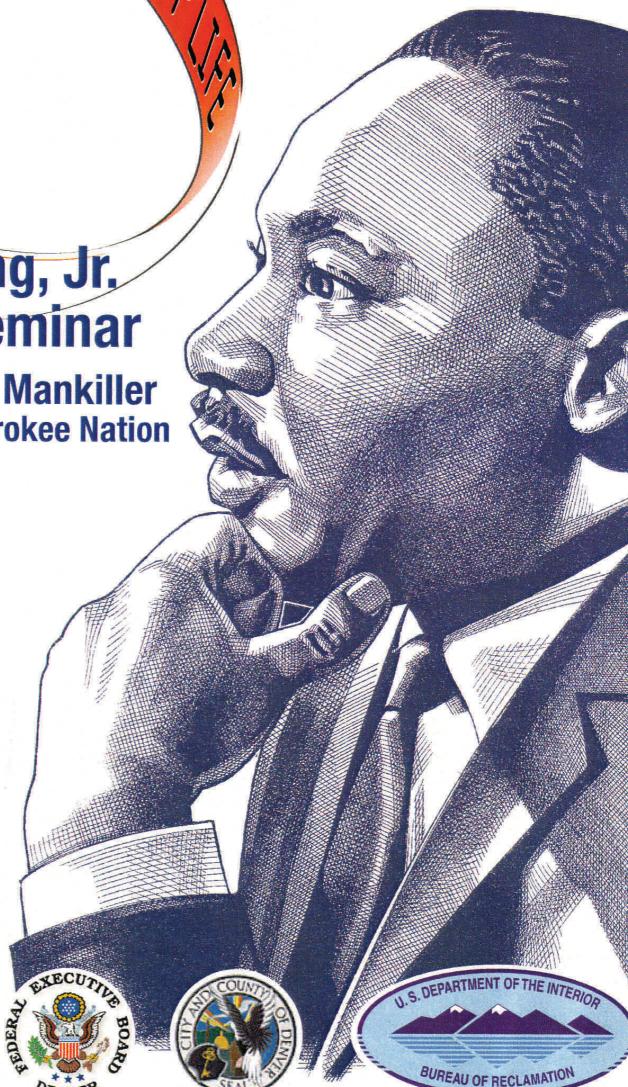
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4900 South Syracuse  
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Cost Per Person: \$99  
Self-parking included, valet parking \$18  
RSVP by January 11, 2007

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## Membership Application Form

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### Applicant Information (please print or type)

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### Membership Information #11-06

Type of Membership: New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Federal \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Local/County \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Dues are \$55.00 (\$35 National and \$20.00 local chapter).**

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